

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2204

Stabile House

359 Nicholson Road

Essex, Baltimore County

Circa 1910

Private

Constructed circa 1910, the Stabile House is located in the historic village of Essex in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. Beginning as a suburban retreat for Baltimore City residents, Essex was platted in 1909 by the Taylor Land Company. Ten blocks long and two blocks wide, Essex was centered between Mace and Marlyn Avenues. Each of the lots measured fifty feet by one hundred forty-five feet. In 1915, when the Eastern Rolling Mill located a plant at the head of the Back River, the community grew dramatically. A few of the suburb's amenities and services included a fire station built in 1915 and an elementary school opened in 1925. By 1931, approximately 22,800 people resided in the Essex-Middle River area. According to the Hopkins Atlas of 1877 Mace Avenue, the eastern boundary of Essex, is shown as a dirt road. The Bromley Atlas of 1915 denotes the Back River Highlands platted between the North East Creek on the west and Mace Avenue on the east.

Sited on a level grassy lot, this two-and-a-half story, three-bay dwelling displays the Colonial Revival-style with an American foursquare form. A solid parged concrete foundation supports the five-course American-bond brick structure. The first story has a central one-leaf paneled, one-light wood door with a one-light transom and flanked by one-light sidelights. Two sets of paired double-hung, 1/1, vinyl-sash windows flank the entrance. The central bay of the second story contains a door hidden by wood louvered shutters. The northern bay has a two-leaf, one-light, wood-paneled door. The paired windows on the second story mirror those found on the ground floor. Oversized wood lintels are set above the openings. The flat-topped, hipped roof with asphalt shingles has overhanging eaves and a vinyl soffit. A shed dormer with vinyl German siding and two 4/4 double-hung sash windows rises from the roof. One central-interior brick chimney pierces the roof. A two-story, three-bay porch has a flat roof supported with fluted Tuscan columns resting on rock-faced concrete-block piers. A one-story, wood-frame addition, clad with vinyl siding and topped by a shed roof with asphalt shingles lies off the southwest elevation. A paved driveway, leads to a 1940s cinder-block garage.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Stabile House

other

2. Location

street and number 359 Nicholson Road not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Myron Lee O'Connell

street and number 359 Nicholson Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21221-6609

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 97, 364

city, town Towson liber 14874 folio 135

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2 0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Sited on a level grassy lot, this two-and-a-half story, three-bay dwelling, dating to circa 1910, displays the Colonial Revival-style with an American foursquare form. A solid parged concrete foundation supports the five-course American-bond brick structure. The first story has a central one-leaf paneled, one-light wood door with a one-light transom and flanked by one-light sidelights. Two sets of paired double-hung, 1/1, vinyl-sash windows flank the entrance. The central bay of the second story contains a door hidden by wood louvred shutters. The northern bay has a two-leaf, one-light, wood-paneled door. The paired windows on the second story mirror those found on the ground floor. Oversized wood lintels are set above the openings. The flat-topped, hipped roof with asphalt shingles has overhanging eaves and a vinyl soffit. A shed dormer with vinyl German siding and two 4/4 double-hung sash windows rises from the roof. One central-interior brick chimney pierces the roof. A two-story, three-bay porch has a flat roof supported with fluted Tuscan columns resting on rock-faced concrete-block piers. A one-story, wood-frame addition, clad with vinyl siding and topped by a shed roof with asphalt shingles lies off the southwest elevation.

A paved driveway, leads to a one-story, one-bay, cinder block, garage. The 1940s garage has one metal roll-up door, a wood cornice with returns and vertical vinyl German siding in the peak of the front gable roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1910 ca.	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	1910 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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ENDNOTES

1. Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), pp. 26-27.
2. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).
3. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.229

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Middle River

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Stabile House, constructed circa 1910, is located at 359 Nicholson Road in Essex in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 97 parcel 364 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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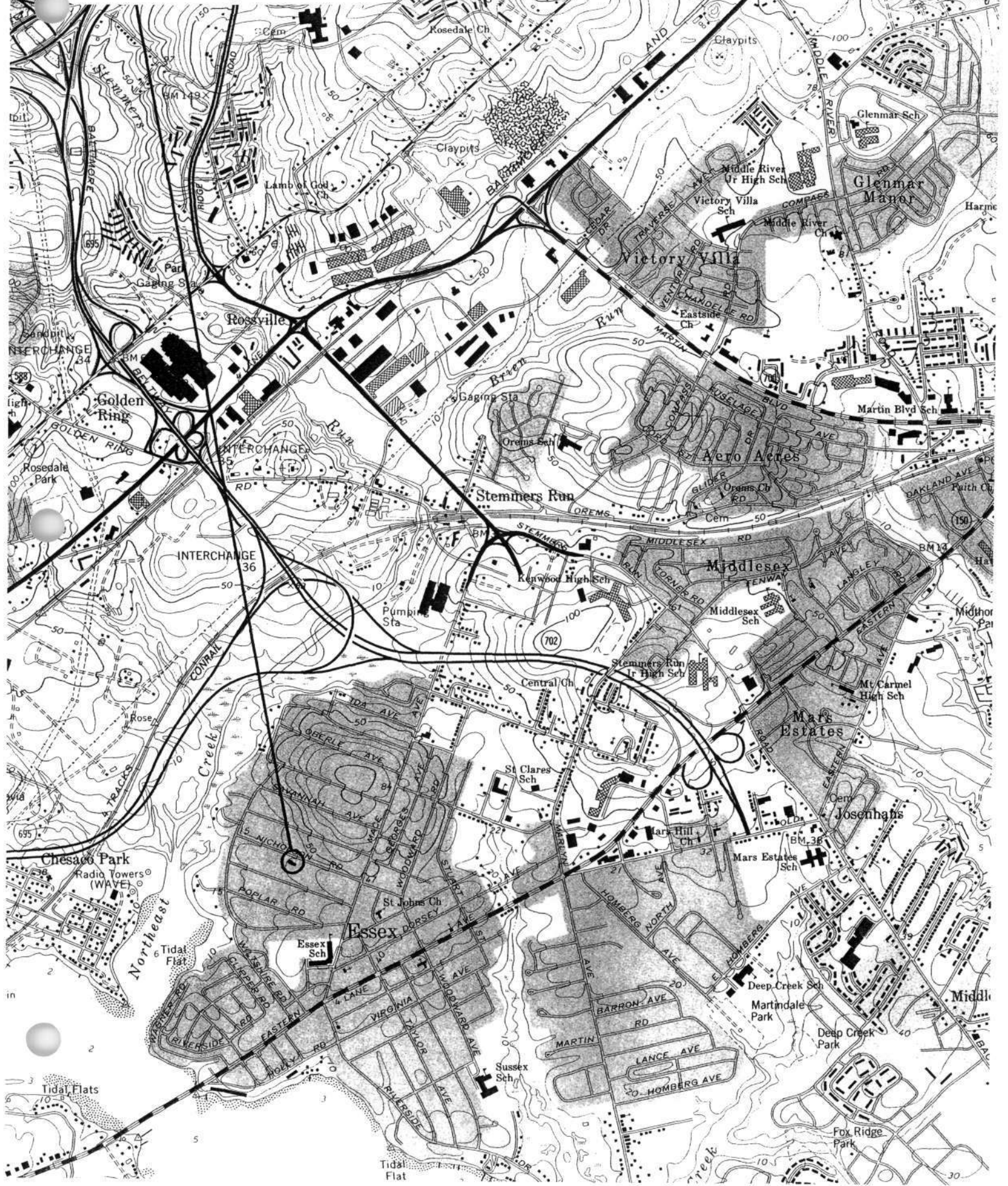
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Sidney, J. C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

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Stable House
359 Nicholson Road
Middle River USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County





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STABILE HOUSE - 1920-1921 - 359 Nicholson Avenue, Essex. This unusually elaborate form of the colonial revival or "American Foursquare" house was built in the 1913 subdivision called Back River Highlands by Luigi and Mary Stabile on Lot 15, Section E, first added to the tax ledger as new in an entry made in 1922. This brick, hip-roofed house is embellished with a full-width porch and second-story covered gallery supported by classical columns. Owner: Mrs. Bernadette Hairs.